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C O N F I D E N T I A L MADRID 0573

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SP  
SUBJECT: VILLAESCUSA KIDNAPPING

REF: MADRID 550

1. AT WRITING THERE IS NOTHING REALLY NEW ON THE KIDNAPPING  
OF LT. GNERAL VILLAESCUSA BEYOND THE APPARENT IDENTIFICATION  
OF AT LEAST ONE OF THE KIDNAPPERS AS POSSIBLY BEING  
A MEMBR OF GRAPO BASED ON PHOTOGRAPHIC IDENTIFICATION  
BY THE DOORMAN AT THE GENERAL'S FLAT. THE NATURAL RASH  
OF CONDEMNATION BY NEWSPAPERS AND POLITICAL GROUPS  
HAS BEGUN, WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY CLAIMING THAT THE  
KIDNAPPING IS A PLOT BY THE FAR RIGHT TO PROVIDE THE  
ARMY. TO DATE THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTE FROM ANYONE PURPORT  
ING TO BE THE KIDNAPPERS. THOUGH THE GENERAL SPECULATION REMAINS  
THAT IT WAS THE SAME GROUP WHICH KIDNAPPED PRESIDENT  
OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE ORIOL.

2. ALFONSO OSORIO MINISTER OF THE PRESIDENCY AND SECOND  
VICE PRESIDENT OF GOVERNMENT TOLD THE AMBASSADOR  
TODAY THAT IT WAS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY THAT THE KIDNAPPING  
WOULD PROVOKE THE MILITARY TO ACTION. THE  
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MILITARY WAS NATURALLY UPSET AND, HE SUPPOSED ANYTHING  
WAS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE BUT IN FACT THE SPANISH  
MILITARY WAS WELL DISCIPLINED, AND LOYAL TO THE KING  
AND THE LEADERSHIP WAS GOOD. STABLER

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